

CALL FOR HELP TO "BIG BOSS"

Senator Cummins Arrives in Des Moines to Soothe the Panic Stricken Progressives at Home.

IN DESPERATE STRAITS

The Senator Leaves Washington at Most Critical Period in Order to Try and Rescue Garst.

[Special to The Gate City.] DES MOINES, Iowa, June 2.—That the progressive ranks have been thrown into consternation and are disorganized because of evidence of defeat on every side has forcefully been demonstrated by calling to Iowa the "Big Boss" of the progressive movement. Senator A. B. Cummins arrived today to take hold of the progressive movement with the hope of rescuing his protégé, Warren Garst, in the republican primary Tuesday, June 7. That the progressives are in desperate straits is shown by this movement for Senator Cummins leaves Washington at one of the most critical periods in the history of American law making. There is being done the national house for consideration at this time, one of the most important measures the American people have ever had before the law making body. It is the interstate commerce bill, commonly called the railroad bill. This measure has held the attention of congress for many weeks and senators and congressmen are clinging closely to their posts in order to well represent their constituents. It is accordingly considered here there must be a desperate demand for assistance among the progressives that Senator Cummins should be called home at this time when his constituents' interests are so greatly at stake in Washington.

It is commonly reported that many leaders among the progressives have thrown up their hands in the face of certain defeat and that all efforts to marshal them into line have proved futile. Hence the calling home of the "Big Boss" from Washington who early in the campaign asked a personal endorsement by the nomination of Warren Garst regardless of long political precedent which accords the governor a second term in office. It is understood Senator Cummins will also try to aid Attorney General Biers in his efforts to get a republican nomination for congress in the Ninth district. Up to this time Congressman Walter I. Smith has always been accorded a republican nomination without a contest. His strength in the contest was underestimated by the progressives for in the struggle in the past few weeks he has made remarkable gains in his district and his nomination is now conceded by many. Senator Cummins is said to dislike to see Walter I. Smith return to congress because of the apparent strength of Mr. Smith who is in line for the speakership of the house in the next congress. This fact seems to be appreciated in the Ninth district where the electors seem determined to lose no opportunity to have Iowa thus highly honored. It is also stated Senator Cummins purposes to take a hand in the contest in the Eighth congressional district where his influence was previously felt in the election of W. C. Jamieson of Shenandoah, democratic nominee, over Hon. Peter Hepburn, a republican of reputation and strength in congress.

AIRSHIP MEN HAVE FINE OPPORTUNITIES

Prizes Amounting to \$275,000 Have Been Put Up for Various Test Flights.

NEW YORK, June 2.—Aviation prizes totalling \$275,000 are either now standing or about to be put up. Today's dispatches show several notable additions to the rich reward offered for flights in different parts of the country. The longest route is from New York to St. Louis.

Died of Heart Disease. DES MOINES, June 2.—Nelson Munger, aged 76, a prominent resident of this city for twenty years, was found dead in bed by his wife. He retired seemingly well. Death was due to heart failure.

Hungarian Election. BUDAPEST, June 2.—The parliamentary election returns received today show that the pro-Austrian party has been overwhelmingly victorious. The defeat of the pan-Hungarian is far more crushing than anticipated.

BESIEGERS ARE IN FULL RETREAT

Estrada in Supreme Control of Bluefields, Thanks to the Aid of American Gunners on His Staff.

THEY MOWED 'EM DOWN

Last Desperate Attack of the Madriz Army was Disastrous and the Saved City is Celebrating the Victory.

BLUEFIELDS, June 2.—General Estrada, the provisional government leader, has successfully defended his capital. Today his besiegers are in full retreat. Cozart has been beaten on the Atlantic coast almost as decisively as he whipped Estrada's armies about Managua. General Lara's forces were ordered from Bluefields and now they are retreating in disorder to the south. It is supposed that they are making for Graytown, their former base of supplies. Lara has been beaten in every attack he directed against his enemies' citadel. His forces, decimated by disease, as well as by bullets, is in utter rout, and with what remains of the Madriz government's army will it is reported, attempt to form a junction at Rama. It is reported from the latter place that General Chavarra has fallen in his attack on Men's forces, and that his army is feeling to effect the junction with Lara. Lara's retreat from Bluefields began after he had sent his discouraged army at the Estrada trenches in front of Bluefields in a last desperate effort. His forces were allowed to come within a stone's throw of the trenches, when the American gunners turned loose their powerful rapid-fire guns on the charging soldiers. The first fire threw Lara's troops into confusion and as they wavered between a second charge and flight, the Estrada soldiers clambered from their ditches and charged. Fighting of the fiercest sort followed. It was knife against knife, gun butt against gun butt, until, beaten beyond hope of recovering their front of attack, the Madriz troops fled from the field, leaving scores of dead and wounded, while many were taken prisoners. Bluefields is en fete in celebration of the Estrada victory. The defeat of Lara is particularly satisfying, because Lara is a Honduran, and 500 of Madriz's troops were from the Honduran army. Military bands played in front of the American consulate, while victorious soldiers and citizens parade the streets. Among other rumors circulating, it is said Washington assured Estrada that if he held his capital against Madriz the United States would establish a protectorate and guarantee a fair election. The fact that 1,000 more marines are to come to Bluefields from Colon on the Prairie lends color to the report. The Estrada government will welcome the end of the war and a fair election. Estrada says he will step down in favor of another candidate without protest.

OFFER BIG REWARD FOR THE MURDERER

Total of \$4,500 is Now up to Solve the Mystery of the Little Girl's Death.

LOUISVILLE, June 2.—The city council last night authorized Mayor Head to offer a reward of \$2,500 for the conviction of the murderer of Alma Kellner. This makes a total of \$4,500 already offered and Governor Wilson said he will offer \$500 in behalf of the state. Other portions of the child's body and clothing were found today in the dark cellar of St. Joseph's parochial school. The police are redoubling the search for Joseph Wendling, the missing French janitor.

S. U. I. Pitcher Injured.

IOWA CITY, June 2.—Thomas A. Hanlon of Panama, one of the pitching staff of the State University of Iowa baseball nine, was hurt at Minneapolis while sliding to base and has been unable to play since. His hip is injured and typhic rheumatism was superinduced. He may have to spend the remainder of the school year in the hospital.

Found Dead in Bed.

MUSCATINE, June 2.—Henry Steher, aged 42 years, was found dead in bed by his daughter. A young son, who slept with him during the night, did not know that his father had expired, even after the former had been called for school. Death was due to rheumatism, which affected the heart.

August 3 is the Date.

DES MOINES, June 2.—The republican state convention will be held at Des Moines, August 3.

NIGHT OFFICER BRUTALLY KILLED

Probably Surprised Two Burglars in Alley and was Battered to Death by the Criminal Pair.

DOGS PUT ON THE TRAIL

Pair of Strangers Caught at Edge of Town, where Bloodhounds went Twice while on the Scent.

DUQUOIN, Ill., June 2.—One of the most daring murders in the history of the city, in which Joseph White, the merchants' night police, was killed, was committed here. White was making his hourly rounds of the business section and it is thought he encountered two or more men in the rear of the Stock grocery store, where his mutilated body was found some time later. His unusual absence was noticed by other members of the police force, who began a search for him. His face and head were beaten so badly that his features could scarcely be recognized. Bloodhounds belonging to Chief of Police Lehmann were taken to the scene of the murder and at once followed a trail to the gas plant, where two strange men were found. The dogs were again taken to the spot where White's body was found and the second time followed the same trail. Both men, whose real names are unknown and who say their home is in Kansas City, Mo., were arrested to await the outcome of the coroner's inquest.

DESERTER SHOT IN LEG BY POLICEMAN

Was Told to Halt But Took to His Heels and Got Hit by Bullet.

SIOUX RAPIDS, Iowa, June 2.—Frank O'Brien, confessed deserter from the Twenty-Third United States infantry, stationed at Jefferson Barricks, Mo., was shot here while resisting arrest by city police. When accosted by an officer he took to his heels, the officer firing at him when demand to halt was not obeyed, the bullet taking effect in the right leg and ranging downward from the hip about seven inches. The wound was not sufficient to stop him at the time he received it and he was found along the river in a precarious condition, giving himself up to officers. The bullet was immediately probed for by a physician. The army authorities at Jefferson Barricks have been notified.

JACK POT NOT DIVIDED EVENLY

Part of the Fish Fund Did Not Reach the Ones It Was Intended For.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 2.—That some of the jack pot handlers held out on the boys and did not make an equitable division of the spoils, developed in the legislative bribery case today. Beckmeyer today dictated a written statement to States Attorney Burke shedding new light on the disposition of the \$3,100 paid by fishing interests along the Illinois river to kill the fish bill. It is said this money did not get into the jack pot. Beckmeyer was a member of the committee where the bill was smothered. His confession is held in confidence for future use but it is admitted to be of great value.

BURLINGTON MAN BECAME GOVERNOR

John Mickey of Nebraska Passed Away After Serving Two Terms.

OMAHA, Neb., June 2.—John Hopwood Mickey, twice governor of Nebraska, died at Osceola, Neb., today. He was born in Burlington, Iowa, in 1845, and served in the Eighth Iowa cavalry during the civil war.

Will Retire From the Bench.

PERRY, June 2.—George Edmund Nichols of the Fifth judicial district announces that he will soon retire from the bench. He has nearly two years to serve. He will engage in the practice of law.

ATTORNEYS CONFER TO MAKE FIGHT

Railroads Enjoined from Raising the Freight Rates will Decide Upon Plan of Attack on the Injunction.

SUMMONS ARE MAILED

It is Believed That a Motion will Soon be Filed Asking That the Injunction Shall be Dissolved.

ST. LOUIS, June 2.—The attorneys for the different railroads enjoined from advancing the freight rates, have been called to meet in Chicago today to plan an attack upon the federal injunction issued at Hannibal. Attorneys here say it may be expected that the roads may endeavor to make capital of the government's procedure against them. Copies of the complaint and injunction, together with summons for the various roads were mailed from here to the United States marshals of the district where the headquarters of the various railroads are situated. The local lines were served today. Some advanced the idea that as the government had been given thirty days' notice and had waited until the last hour, it would not be necessary for the roads to notify the government of their old rates being again in effect. It is believed a motion will be filed to dissolve the injunction.

WOMEN JUST CRAZY TO GET INSIDE

Hair Pulling Match at Court Room in Order to Hear Mrs. Doney Testify.

ST. LOUIS, June 2.—Women fought, pulled hair and nearly mobbed a dozen policemen today in a wild scramble for admittance to the court room where Mrs. Dora E. Doney was expected to take the stand and tell the full story of her life. Extra police were detailed to preserve order, but the crowd finally became so unruly that ropes were stretched and the officers were compelled to use harsh methods in controlling the wildly excited women. Mrs. Doney's attorneys were approached today with offers of \$250 per week for services on the stage in case she is acquitted. Mrs. Doney gave a full history of her life and told of being a morphine victim. She denied that she had ever conspired to slay Erder for his insurance by administering arsenic to him, either while under the influence of morphine or free from its effects.

CLAIM TO KNOW AGE OF EARTH

Scientists Have Figured Out That It is Only Four Hundred Million Years Old.

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EVEN RABBED THE INDIANS

Sugar Trust Got in Its Fraudulent Work on Sugar Growers as Well as Uncle Sam.

THEY MADE FALSE TESTS

Told the Growers of Cuba, Java and India That Their Product was Not Up to Snuff.

NEW YORK, June 2.—That the sugar trust was founded to defraud not only the government of the United States, but the sugar growers in Cuba, Java and India, was the deduction today from Gerbrock, the former superintendent, on trial for defrauding the government for customs duties. "I was ordered by the late H. O. Havemeyer to falsify polariscopic tests of sugar so that we would have to pay less to the sugar growers," said Gerbrock before the examination. That the sugar trust had robbed the government of great sums in duties, has been proved and the sugar trust made a money restitution, but that the trust had robbed the men with whom it did business and purchased raw sugar, was a new development.

Only One Whole Body.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 2.—Several hundred laborers are digging today in the ruins of the tunnel, searching for fragments of the bodies of the men.

NEW BUSINESS FIRM FOR KEOKUK

D. W. McDevitt and N. H. Pyle Announce the Opening of an Insurance Agency Immediately.

Keokuk citizens and business circles welcome with interest the announcement of two well known business men to open immediately a new enterprise here and who have laid their future hopes and interests in Keokuk as the best place to embark their business. D. W. McDevitt and N. H. Pyle, both well known in Keokuk for the past several years in the commercial world, will open at once an insurance agency at 228 Johnson street. For several months past, the establishment of such an office here has been contemplated by these two gentlemen and their announcement of opening is the culmination of these plans. The new agency of Messrs. McDevitt and Pyle is prepared to handle fire, plate glass, burglary and fidelity insurance and with their past business records, their new undertaking is assured of success. McDevitt & Co., as the firm will be known, will continue the commission business as heretofore. Read their ad in this issue.

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RAINFALL OF HUMAN LIMBS

Legs, Arms and Heads were Scattered About the Hillside After the Explosion of Powder.

400 KEGS OF THE STUFF

The Utah Disaster is Thought to Have Resulted in Instant Death to Seventeen of the Men.

OGDEN, Utah, June 2.—Four hundred kegs of powder were prematurely discharged in the quarry of the Union Portland Cement company in Weber Canyon, eight miles east of Morgan. Seventeen laborers are missing and it is believed all were killed. Those missing include Hugh McClure, foreman, seven Italians, seven Hungarians and two Japanese. The legs, arm and heads of men were found on a hill side as far as a hundred yards from the scene. The body of an Italian was hurled out of a tunnel with such force that it cut a telegraph pole in two. The tunnel had been driven into the hill above the cement plant and 400 kegs of powder placed therein. The workmen were preparing to seal the chamber preliminary to firing a blast when the powder exploded prematurely. A curious feature was that no injury was done to the company's buildings in the immediate vicinity but ranch houses far distant were damaged. Telephone and telegraph wires were torn down and the first news of the accident was sent to Morgan by courier.

BOOSTERS SEEK \$100,000.

IOWA CITY, June 2.—The Iowa City Commercial club will soon begin a canvass of the city to secure one hundred thousand dollars with which to purchase stock in the proposed Iowa City-Ottumwa Interurban company. It is believed here that Ottumwa will duplicate this and thus insure the building of the line. A bond issue will cover the nearly three million dollars necessary to finance the road.

THE WEATHER.

Weather Forecast. (Until Friday 7 p. m.) For Keokuk and vicinity: Unsettled weather, with showers tonight or Friday.

For Iowa and Illinois: Unsettled weather tonight and Friday, with showers.

For Missouri: Showers tonight or Friday.

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There have been light rains in portions of the lake region, with the pressure remaining low in the north-eastern states, and it has been generally fair, and slightly warmer in the southern and southeastern portions of the country, with an area of moderately high pressure in the gulf.

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BLAME DEATH TO HOUSE FLY

Jersey City Business Man is Said to Have Died from Infection of Cat's Scratch on His Hand.

CLAIM FLY KILLED HIM

Impetus Given to the Warfare Against the Little Pests, which is Becoming Nation Wide.

NEW YORK, June 2.—Health Commissioner Lederer stated that the recent death of Edward H. Pratt, a prominent Jersey City business man, of blood poisoning caused by a cat's scratch on his hand, would doubtless give an impetus to the nation-wide warfare now being waged against the pests. "In addition to the ordinance," said Dr. Lederer, "that I was instrumental in having passed a few weeks ago, requiring people to screen fruits and vegetables displayed for sale on the streets, I am now in favor of having an amendment to include food on sale indoors." Edward Hatch, Jr., leader of the now nation-wide campaign against the house fly, in speaking of Mr. Pratt's death, said that the public is just beginning to realize the danger of the house fly. "Among physicians," said Mr. Hatch, "the belief is now held that many an unaccountable death, especially among infants and children, is due to the fatal activities of this little pest. There is no excuse for the deadly fly. He is more dangerous than the mosquito and easier to exterminate."

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